

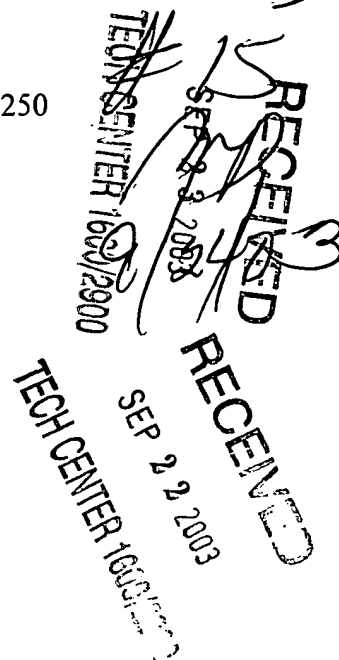


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2003 in the above-identified application be extended for three months, to and including, September 12, 2003. A check for \$465.00 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee. Applicants believe the amount of the fee is correct; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0980.

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